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## Mali

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to this country due to COVID-19, crime, terrorism, and kidnapping. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport is valid at the date of their entering the country. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa or Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) prior to visiting the country.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

[223] 2070-2300 or [223]-6675-2860; US Embassy in Bamako, ACI 2000, Rue 243, (located off the Roi Bin Fahad Aziz Bridge west of the Bamako central district), Porte 297, Bamako, Mali

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for all travelers. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

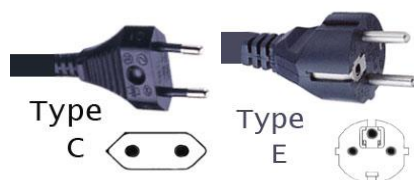
Subtropical to arid; hot and dry (February to June); rainy, humid, and mild (June to November); cool and dry (November to February)

### Currency (Code)

Communaute Financiere Africaine francs (Western African CFA francs, XOF)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, E



### Major Languages

French, Bambara 46.3%, Peul/Foulfoulbe 9.4%, Dogon 7.2%, Maraka/Soninke 6.4%, Malinke 5.6%, Sonrhail/Djerma 5.6%, Minianka 4.3%, Tamacheq 3.5%, Senoufo 2.6%, Bobo 2.1%, unspecified 0.7%, other 6.3%; note: Mali has 13 national languages in addition to its official language (French)

### Religions

Muslim 93.9%, Christian 2.8%, animist .7%, none 2.5%

### Time Difference

UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Timbuktu; Bamako; Grand Mosque of Djenne; Mopti; Mount Hombori; Tomb of Askia in Gao
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Pointing at people with the index finger is considered rude. Use the whole hand to gesture instead.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tipping porters \$1 (USD) per bag and hotel staff \$1-2 (USD) per day is appropriate. Professional guides and/or drivers who accompany you throughout a visit should be tipped \$10 (USD) per day.
<b>Telephone Code</b>	223
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	Ambulance: 15; Fire: 17; Police: 18

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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